

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re application of: **CHANDRASEKAR** Docket No.: **201267.90011**Serial No.: **10/088,405** Filed: **18 March 2002**Int'l appln No.: **PCT/CA00/01132** Int'l filing date: **21 Sept 2000**Title: **LOCAL DELIVERY OF 17-BETA ESTRADIOL FOR
PREVENTING VASCULAR INTIMA HYPERPLASIA AND FOR
IMPROVING VASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM FUNCTION AFTER
VASCULAR INJURY**

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 3, and 4 as follows:

2. The use as defined in claim 1, wherein 17- β estradiol or a derivative thereof is present in a dose unit of 1 to 5000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{Kg}$ of patient's body weight.
3. The use, as defined in claim 1, wherein 17- β estradiol or a derivative thereof is present in a dose unit of 10 to 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{Kg}$ of patient's body weight.
4. The use as defined in claim 1, wherein 17- β estradiol or a derivative thereof is present in a dose unit of 10 to 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{Kg}$ of patient's body weight.